Jammu to Suchetgarh in Jammu and Kashmir has been sanctioned till R.S. Pura;

(b) if so, the reasons for not upgrading it till Suchetgarh; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal for widening and upgradation of Satwari Airport-R.S. Pura road, which is part of Jammu- Suchetgarh state road has been approved by the Ministry under Central Road Fund (CRF).

(b) and (c) The existing single lane road stretch from R.S. Pura to Suchetgarh is only being maintained in traffic worthy condition by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) for operational considerations of the Army.

Transportation of goods itmes

245. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian traders are loosing around Rs. 1200 crores every year during transportation of goods items throughout India due to irresponsible attitude of Transport Companies;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government are considering to have stringent rules for Road Transport Companies for avoiding transportation loss in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (e) The Government is concerned with a framework for determination of liability between the consignor and transporters under the Carriers' Act, 1865. Road transport falls under the purview of the State Government. Freight transport operations by road are almost entirely in the private sector. No statistics is maintained by this Ministry regarding the losses incurred by traders during transportation of goods.